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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Syed Sajid Ahmad

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
CONTROLLING THE DEPTH OF
IMMERSION OF A SEMICONDUCTOR
ELEMENT IN AN EXPOSED SURFACE
OF VISCOUS FLUID

Confirmation No.: 2663

Examiner: M. Trinh

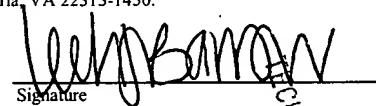
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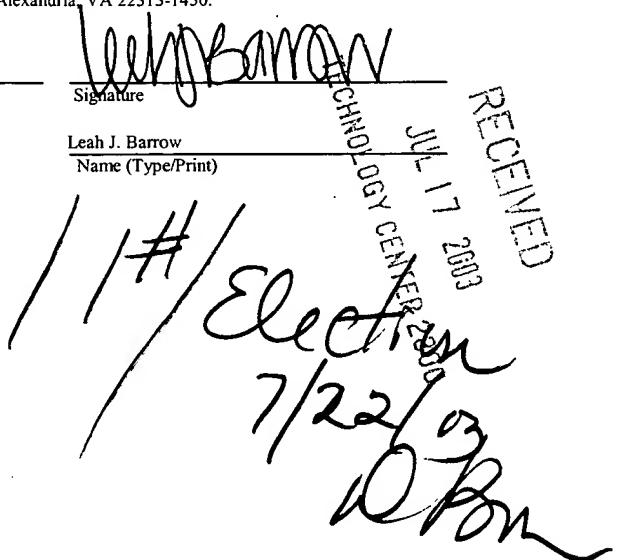
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Election of Species Restriction Requirement of June 17, 2003, having an initial period of response expiring on July 17, 2003.

Information Disclosure Statement(s)

Applicant notes the filing of a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement herein on March 24, 2003 and notes that no copy of the PTO-1449 was returned with the outstanding

Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests that the information cited on the PTO-1449 be made of record herein.

Claims 1 through 89 are currently pending in the application and subject to an Election of Species Restriction Requirement.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the species of invention as set forth in Group II, claims 25-30 and 67-72.

The Examiner noted that claims 1 and 48 are generic, and notes that upon allowance of a generic claim, claims 2 through 47 and 49 through 89 depending therefrom in a non-elected species would also be allowable.

Applicant notes the Examiner identified independent claims 1 and 48 to be generic. Applicant submits that dependent claims 2 through 19 and 49 through 65 are also generic with respect to the species election requirement regarding controlling the height of viscous material. While the Examiner identified specific dependent claims belonging to four identified species, dependent claims 2 through 19 and 49 through 65 were not classified in any of the four groups. However, in a telephone message of July 9, 2003, the Examiner clarified that dependent claims 2 through 19 and 49 through 65 would be included in the elected claims.

Applicant requests an action on the merits of claims 1 through 19, 25 through 30, 49 through 65 and 67 through 72.

Respectfully submitted,



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